

NOTICE OF MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

An Initial Study of Environmental Impact has been prepared by the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) for the following project:

Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District Sewer Trunk Main Replacement Project

LOCATION: The Proposed Project would be located in unincorporated Sonoma County in the southern portion of Sonoma Valley, California (Figure 1). The Proposed Project would be within the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (SVCSD) service area boundary, south of Watmaugh Road, and east of Broadway between Broadway and Nathanson Creek. The new sewer trunk main will extend halfway between McGill and San Luis Roads and will turn east to Schell Creek, where it would progress south to the SVCSD wastewater treatment facility by traveling immediately adjacent to the creek.

PROJECT PURPOSE: The purpose of the Proposed Project is to repair and improve the existing sewer trunk main to reliably handle dry and wet weather inflows. Implementation of the Proposed Project would reduce or eliminate sanitary system overflows, enhance system wet weather capacity and reliability, and improve surface water quality.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Proposed Project would abandon in place or remove and replace portions of the existing concrete sewer trunk main with approximately 5,650 linear feet of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe, extending from Watmaugh Road East to the SVCSD wastewater treatment facility (see **Figure 1**). The abandoned pipeline and manholes would be filled with cement-sand slurry.

FINDING: On the basis of the Initial Study, the General Manager/Chief Engineer of the Agency has determined that with the incorporation of mitigation measures described in the Initial Study, the project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

COMMENTS REQUESTED: Written comments on the Initial Study and Mitigation Negative Declaration are invited and should be sent to Sonoma County Water Agency, Attn: Yvette O'Keefe, Environmental Specialist, P.O. Box 11628, Santa Rosa, CA 95406 for receipt by November 2, 2007 at 5 p.m. Comments may also be submitted electronically by visiting www.sonomacountywater.org. A copy of the Initial Study may be reviewed at the Agency's administrative office (404 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA), or at the Sonoma County Central Library (3rd and E Streets, Santa Rosa) and Sonoma Valley Regional Library (755 West Napa Street, Sonoma).

APPROVAL OF PROJECT: The environmental document and any comments received thereon will be referred to the Agency's Board of Directors at their regularly scheduled meeting on December 11, 2007. The Board will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of the Project at that time.